

FIFTY-FIRST

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

AUDITOR

OF THE

CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, 1954

PART ONE

GENERAL INFORMATION

OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

The City of Lincoln, Nebraska, for many years operated under the Commission Form of Government. On May 10, 1937, a change was made and a new form of government was inaugurated. The Plan adopted has been called Seven-Man Council, but possibly a more appropriate name would be a Modified Manager Plan. Under this plan a Mayor is elected for a two-year term and at each biennial election, three councilmen are elected for a term of four years. The Councilmen are paid \$10.00 for each regular meeting attended. No pay allowed for special meetings. The mayor receives in addition to the \$10.00 for each weekly meeting attended the sum of \$500.00 per year.

The activities of the City are divided in three departments as follows:

1. Department of Public Welfare and Safety.
2. Department of Accounts and Finance.
3. Department of Parks, Public Property and Improvements.

The Council appoints a Director for each of the departments, who is the superintendent thereof and responsible to the council for its proper operation.

All other officials and employes are appointed by the Council. The Judge of the Municipal Court is elected at County and State elections, and other officials of the Municipal Court are appointed by the judge.

City elections are held on the first Tuesday in May of each odd numbered year. The term of office of Mayor and Councilmen begins on the first Monday following the election.

The Council acts as a fact finding and policy determining body, while it is the duty of the Directors to carry out the policies so determined and to perform the necessary administrative functions of the City.

The Council also appoints a City Attorney and assistants necessary to work with the Council and all departments of the City.

Lincoln, Nebraska
December 15, 1954

To the Honorable City Council
City of Lincoln, Nebraska

The Fifty-First Annual Report of the Auditor of the City of Lincoln, Nebraska, is presented herewith. Shown in detail are the financial transactions during the year, the bonded indebtedness, and the actual condition of all funds at the close of the fiscal year ended August 31, 1954.

The details of the operation of the public utilities are not included as separate reports are being made by these departments.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES M. MALLON, *City Auditor*

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LIST OF CITY OFFICIALS

Clark Jeary, Mayor and President of Council

Councilmen—Terms expiring 1955:

C. W. D. Kinsey

Pat Ash

Rees Wilkinson

Councilmen—Terms expiring 1957:

Fern Hubbard Orme, Vice President of Council

Joseph E. Fenton

Hugh Thorne

THE DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY ARE
ASSIGNED AS FOLLOWS:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE AND SAFETY

EMMETT JUNG

Director

Fire Department	—E. P. Feaster, Chief
Electrical Inspection	—Donald Venter, Inspector
Health Department	—Dr. James T. Googe, Supt.
Police Department	—Joseph T. Carroll, Chief
City Property	—Charles E. Saal, Superintendent
Muny Coal and Gas	—L. E. Brown, Manager

DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE

THEO. H. BERG

Director

City Clerk's Office	—Theo. H. Berg, Clerk
City Auditor's Office	—James M. Mallon, Auditor
Purchasing Office	—W. Wayne Harvey, Purchasing Agent
Treasurer's Office	—Frank J. Miller, Treasurer
	—Robert L. Wheeler, Deputy Treasurer
Tax Commissioner's Office	—William Schlaebitz, Tax Commissioner

GENERAL INFORMATION

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS,
PUBLIC PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS

D. L. ERICKSON

Director

Engineer's Office	—D. L. Erickson, Engineer —H. C. Schlueter, Deputy —Carl L. Fisher, Deputy
Inspections	—E. A. Vorhees, Building Inspector —Frank M. Staats, Plumbing Inspector —Michael Bourke, Sidewalk Inspector
Street Department	—A. Lynn Myers, Superintendent
Paving Repair and Sewer	—H. Lyle Gieseke, Superintendent
Parks	—James Ager, Superintendent
Recreation	—James C. Lewis, Superintendent
Water and Light	—F. L. Blumer, Plant Superintendent —John W. Kruse, Business Manager

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

—John Comstock, City Attorney
—Jack M. Pace, Deputy Attorney
—John Binning, Assistant Attorney

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT

—Ray E. Ramsay, Personnel Officer

MUNICIPAL COURT

—John Jacobsen, Judge
—Leland M. Towle, Clerk
—R. L. Butterbaugh, Deputy Clerk
—John J. Reitter, Constable

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BUILDING PERMITS

Issued From September 1, 1953 to August 31, 1954

Month	No.	Residence	Business	Accessory	Total
Sept.	276	\$ 800,920.00	\$ 226,950.00	\$ 27,305.00	\$ 1,055,175.00
Oct.	206	583,035.00	35,270.00	22,115.00	640,420.00
Nov.	135	385,595.00	79,730.00	5,925.00	471,250.00
Dec.	78	252,220.00	558,265.00	7,525.00	818,010.00
Jan.	72	304,035.00	343,625.00	3,925.00	651,585.00
Feb.	126	198,550.00	408,588.00	10,745.00	617,883.00
Mar.	273	975,600.00	497,355.00	23,470.00	1,496,425.00
April	298	1,082,605.00	513,540.00	32,745.00	1,628,890.00
May	232	846,510.00	153,775.00	16,385.00	1,016,670.00
June	306	1,448,570.00	55,190.00	21,120.00	1,524,880.00
July	262	913,188.00	120,950.00	27,860.00	1,061,998.00
Aug.	286	1,046,329.00	51,532.00	24,261.00	1,122,122.00
Tot.	2,550	\$8,837,157.00	\$3,044,770.00	\$223,381.00	\$12,105,308.00

FACTS ABOUT LINCOLN

Originally incorporated on April 7, 1869.

Incorporated as a city of the second class on March 18, 1871.

Incorporated as a city of the first class on March 25, 1887.

Altitude: 1,165 feet above sea level.

Area: 15,680 Acres (24.50 square miles).

Paved streets and alleys: 285.46 miles.

Parks: 1,361 acres.

Sanitary sewers: 275.71 miles.

Storm sewers: 64.49 miles.

Water mains: 322.79 miles.

Street lights: 3,848.

Floating debt: None.

Population 1920, 54,928.

Population 1930, 79,572.

Population 1940, 81,846.

Population 1950, 97,423.

Population 1954 (estimated) 118,000.

Assessed valuation of city per capita: \$1,167.92.

Bonded indebtedness of city per capita: \$27.96.

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GENERAL FUND

Statement of Expenditures and Encumbrances

Compared with Appropriations

September 1, 1953 to August 31, 1954

	Appropriation	Expenditures	Unexpended Balance	Encum- brances	Unencum- bered Balance
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:					
City Council	\$ 3,220.00	\$ 2,783.20	\$ 436.80	\$	\$ 436.80
Mayor	5,555.88	5,337.41	218.47	71.35	147.12
Muny Court	33,396.00	30,815.35	2,580.65	780.86	1,799.79
General Expense	21,940.27	19,262.58	2,677.69	64.55	2,613.14
Directors	30,040.00	29,204.29	835.71	.....	835.71
Attorney	27,725.00	24,382.70	3,342.30	.....	3,342.30
Merit System	8,765.00	8,459.74	305.26	.....	305.26
Fire and Police Pension...	83,364.48	89,357.00	5,992.52	.....	5,992.52
Planning Commission	10,300.00	9,281.75	1,018.25	.....	1,018.25
Huskerville Maintenance...	1,063.79	620.09	443.70	.....	443.70
Plumbing Inspection	13,320.00	12,332.40	987.60	2.50	985.10
Contingency	35,037.29	20,302.82	14,734.47	.....	14,734.47
Total	\$ 273,727.71	\$ 252,139.33	\$ 21,588.38	\$ 919.26	\$ 20,669.12
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE AND SAFETY:					
Police	\$ 528,616.86	\$ 505,530.00	\$ 23,086.86	\$ 5,099.72	\$ 17,987.14
Fire	455,664.32	445,154.99	10,509.33	302.85	10,206.48
Health	140,000.00	121,444.04	18,555.96	492.04	18,063.92
Milk Inspection	15,000.00	17,134.65	2,134.65	232.13	2,366.78
City Property	60,952.00	52,730.58	8,221.42	589.60	7,631.82
License Bureau	7,160.00	2,868.76	4,291.24	30.00	4,261.24
Total	\$1,207,393.18	\$1,144,863.02	\$ 62,530.16	\$ 6,746.34	\$ 55,783.82
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE:					
Clerk and Auditor.....	\$ 22,680.88	\$ 22,176.65	\$ 504.23	\$ 73.55	\$ 430.68
Treasurer	50,642.00	45,905.66	4,736.34	312.41	4,423.93
Tax Commissioner	10,845.00	10,229.51	615.49	.....	615.49
Purchasing	14,096.00	12,388.80	1,707.20	119.19	1,588.01
Total	\$ 98,263.88	\$ 90,700.62	\$ 7,563.26	\$ 505.15	\$ 7,058.11
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, PUBLIC PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENT:					
Engineer	\$ 78,852.50	\$ 68,930.49	\$ 9,922.01	\$ 1,015.57	\$ 8,906.44
Roads and Sidewalks.....	229,269.00	213,670.93	15,598.07	2,407.98	13,190.09
Paving Repair	115,278.00	115,326.08	48.08	2,683.57	2,731.65
Sewer	64,400.00	64,916.15	516.15	64.57	580.72
Park	216,883.00	211,780.26	5,102.74	1,614.62	3,488.12
Street Light	90,350.00	88,964.30	1,385.70	122.50	1,263.20
Total	\$ 795,032.50	\$ 763,588.21	\$ 31,444.29	\$ 7,908.81	\$ 23,535.48
Grand Total General Fund.....	\$2,374,417.27	\$2,251,291.18	\$123,126.09	\$16,079.56	\$107,046.53

FINANCIAL SECTION—GENERAL FUND

GENERAL FUND

Detailed Statement of Expenditures

September 1, 1953 to August 31, 1954

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

	Personal Services	Other Current Expenses	Capital Outlay	Miscel- laneous	Total
General Expense	\$ 7,199.05	\$ 11,403.76	\$ 455.32	\$ 204.45	\$ 19,262.58
Municipal Court	26,556.97	4,209.78	48.60		30,815.35
Mayor	4,070.80	573.06	693.55		5,337.41
City Council	2,760.00	23.20			2,783.20
Director	29,172.86	31.43			29,204.29
Attorney	22,047.26	1,349.44	986.00		24,382.70
Merit System	8,280.96	178.78			8,459.74
Fire and Police Pension.....				89,357.00	89,357.00
Planning Commission		9,259.07	22.68		9,281.75
Huskerville Maintenance.....		620.09			620.09
Plumbing Inspection	9,735.49	2,425.41	35.00	136.50	12,332.40
Contingencies	723.45	14,995.25	4,580.12	4.00	20,302.82
Total	\$ 110,546.84	\$ 45,069.27	\$ 6,821.27	\$ 89,701.95	\$ 252,139.33

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE AND SAFETY:

Police	\$ 400,251.38	\$ 67,925.34	\$ 37,353.28	\$	\$ 505,530.00
Fire	406,798.61	34,207.92	4,148.46		445,154.99
Health	103,205.92	17,361.80	876.32		121,444.04
Milk Inspection	13,140.00	3,696.91	297.74		17,134.65
City Property	28,889.94	20,416.98	3,423.66		52,730.58
License Bureau	2,049.45	804.31		15.00	2,868.76
Total	\$ 954,335.30	\$ 144,413.26	\$ 46,099.46	\$ 15.00	\$ 1,144,863.02

DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE:

Clerk and Auditor.....	\$ 18,249.80	\$ 3,712.85	\$ 214.00	\$	\$ 22,176.65
Treasurer	37,937.15	7,390.61	577.90		45,905.66
Tax Commissioner	9,949.27	148.19	132.05		10,229.51
Purchasing	10,775.61	1,580.24	32.95		12,388.80
Total	\$ 76,911.83	\$ 12,831.89	\$ 956.90	\$	\$ 90,700.62

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, PUBLIC PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENT:

Engineer	\$ 55,940.64	\$ 8,591.42	\$ 4,389.43	\$ 9.00	\$ 68,930.49
Road and Sidewalk.....	139,917.11	48,485.92	25,267.90		213,670.93
Paving Repair	66,381.48	41,920.97	7,023.63		115,326.08
Sewer	52,114.73	9,721.62	2,818.34	261.46	64,916.15
Park	145,984.45	54,004.85	11,785.96	5.00	211,780.26
Street Light	13,414.21	59,764.39	15,785.70		88,964.30
Total	\$ 473,752.62	\$ 222,489.17	\$ 67,070.96	\$ 275.46	\$ 763,588.21

Grand Total General Fund \$1,615,546.59 \$424,803.59 \$120,948.59 \$89,992.41 \$2,251,291.18